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SUBJ CHINESE PROTEST ON CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT

REF: HONG KONG 6829

1. THE PRC FOLLOWED UP ITS JUNE 13 OFFICIAL PROTEST AGAINST
DIET RATIFICATION OF THE JAPANESE-SOUTH KOREAN CONTINENTAL
SHELF AGREEMENT (REFTEL) WITH A "COMMENTATOR" ARTICLE IN
THE JUNE 14 PEOPLE'S DAILY WHICH INCLUDED LANGUAGE EVEN
STRONGER THAN THAT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT.

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AFTER REHASHING THE EARLIER ARGUMENTS, THE ARTICLE GOES
ON TO CHARGE THAT THE JAPANESE ACTION IS A VIOLATION OF
THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY CHINA AND JAPAN AT THE TIME
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN 1972. IT
ALSO STATES FLATLY THAT THE ACCORD HAS "DAMAGED THE
FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.

2. A JAPANESE EMBOFF HAS TOLD USLO THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TELL OTHER MISSIONS IN PEKING THAT THE PRC PROTEST, WHILE STRONG, WAS "WITHIN THE REALM OF EXPECTATION". ACTUALLY, THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN QUITE DISTURBED ABOUT THE PROTEST. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, SOME OF HIS MORE SENIOR COLLEAGUES INTERPRET THE NATURE OF THE PROTEST AS MEANING THAT THE PRC HAS NOW GIVEN UP ON FUKUDA AND IS LOOKING TO THE NEXT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, JAPANESE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DREW ATTENTION TO THE WARNING AGAINST DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMENTED THAT HE INTERPRETS THE PROTEST AS DIRECTED AS MUCH AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES AS AGINAST THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A RELATIVE LULL IN THE TIDE OF JAPANESE DELEGATIONS PASSING THROUGH PEKING, O E DIET MEMBER (KANEKO, LDP) HAS BEEN HERE FOR PAST FEW DAYS AND HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ABUSE FROM CHINESE OVER THE SHELF AGREEMENT. THE REAL IRONY, ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE, IS THAT KANEKO HAS COME TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO PRC FOR THEIR FORBEARANCE ON THE SHELF ISSUE.
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